

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 2, please amend the second paragraph as follows:

2-Acetoxy-5-( $\alpha$ -cyclopropylcarbonyl-2-fluorobenzyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrothieno[3,2-c]pyridine, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, which is one of the active ingredients of the present invention, is a known compound. For instance, the compound has already been described in Japanese Patent Application Publication No. Hei 6-41139 and Japanese Patent Application Publication No. ~~2002-145882~~ 2002-145883 (priority: Japanese Patent Application No. ~~2000-205539~~ 2000-205396, and Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-266780). The chemical structure is described below.

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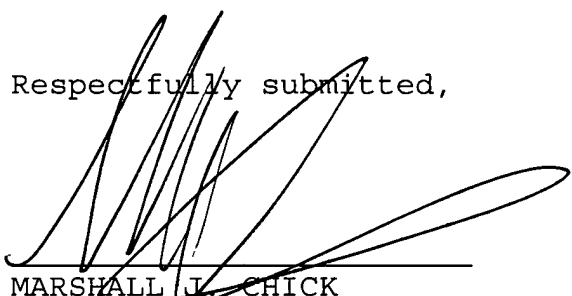
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The AMENDMENT corrects errors in the cited document numbers.

Entry of this AMENDMENT is respectfully requested.

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